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ALLEGED COMBINED ESCALATION OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES

On 2/18/75, Ambassador Hugh Dunn, Australian Embassy, telephonically contacted me at 3:00 P.M. and provided the following information: (S) (U)

He had just returned from a ceremony inaugurating the new Mexican Chancery building. While at this ceremony, he was approached by a Japanese diplomatic colleague who is generally well informed on the local political scene. This colleague, whom Dunn did not care to identify over the telephone, informed him that the combined terrorist organizations, the ELN, Bolivia; the MIR of Chile; Tupamaros of Uruguay, and the ERP of Argentina, were going to escalate terrorist activities against diplomatic missions in Bolivia, Chile, Uruguay and Argentina. Ambassador Dunn's colleague told him that various diplomatic establishments in La Paz were dismissing their employees early this afternoon because of this threat. (S) (U)

Ambassador Dunn desired to ascertain whether we had any intelligence which would tend to corroborate his colleague's information. I told the Ambassador that to the best of my knowledge, there was no available information indicating that the combined groups of the ELN, MIR, Tupamaros and the ERP had planned any escalation of terrorist activities against diplomatic establishments. (S) (U)

Ambassador Dunn's colleague's information sounds like a variation of intelligence with West German origin which circulated in Buenos Aires approximately two weeks ago. (S) (U)

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